# **EXHIBIT J**

increased earnings, MBNA's stock price closed up \$0.24 to \$27.44 on the NYSE.

- 46. Between January 21, 2005 and February 3, 2005, certain of the Individual Defendants sold almost \$76 million worth of the Company's stock into the market:
- 47. On February 9, 2005, defendants appeared at a Credit Suisse First Boston ("CSFB") investor conference to discuss the Company's Q4 2004 results and future expectations. As they had during the January 21, 2005 earnings conference, defendants continued to project significant earnings growth, exceeding even the rate at which MBNA's outstanding loans were growing, due to increased return on managed assets, or "ROMA."
- 48. On April 13, 2005, defendants announced a \$750 million offering of notes collateralized by the Company's credit card accounts receivable. The offering was to close on April 20, 2005.
- 49. According to the Class Action Complaint, the statements referenced above in ¶¶ 36-48 were each materially false and misleading when made because defendants failed to disclose and/or misrepresented the following adverse facts, which were known to defendants, or recklessly disregarded by them, at all relevant times:
- a. The Company had been experiencing unexpectedly high payment volumes from U.S. credit card customers during Q1 2005, reducing managed loans in the quarter more than in prior years, and causing loan receivables to decrease by \$2 billion to \$3 1.8 billion during Q1 2005 from \$33.8 billion reported at the end of Q1 2004;
- b. Of the pre-pays, the higher interest rate borrowers were prepaying more than the lower interest rate borrowers, resulting in the prepays having a more adverse impact on the Company's yield on managed loans;
  - c. MBNA was suffering from an unseasonably sharp contraction in loans

during Q12005 causing total managed loans to decrease by \$5 billion to \$116.6 billion from \$121.6 billion at the end of Ql 2004;

- d. The Company had been aggressively recognizing gains on sales of securitized no-interest loan receivables through off-balance sheet funding structures;
- e. MBNA was experiencing higher-than-expected delinquencies during Q1 2005, increasing to 4.17% from 4.13% at the end of Q4 2004;
- f. The Company had reversed its margin-protection strategy of reducing reliance on no-interest loans and teaser promotions and was instead increasing its offering of no-interest loans, which, by defendants' own admissions, will significantly reduce future earnings;
- g. Losses on loan receivables and managed loans had increased to 3.98% and 4.48%, respectively, up from 3.74% and 4.43% respectively in Q4 2004;
- h. Approximately 50% of MBNA's receivables were on variable floating interest rates while approximately 80% of the Company's funding was tied to LIBOR, such that the Company's cost of funds was increasing more rapidly than the interest payments it was receiving from borrowers when interest rates increased;
- i. Due to the increase in pre-pays, the interest-only securitization strip securities were overvalued on the Company's books; and
- j. The Company's previously announced Q1 2005 restructuring charge had doubled to \$767.6 million (\$0.38 per share) from the \$300-\$350 million announced on January 21, 2005.
- 50. The Class Action Complaint alleges that, on April 21, 2005, MBNA shocked the market, issuing a press release entitled "MBNA Reports Earnings Per Common Share of \$.02,

Including the Impact of the Previously Announced Restructuring Plan." The press release disclosed in relevant part that the Company's net income for 1Q '05 was a paltry \$0.02 per share, down from \$0.40 per share in the year-earlier period.

- 51. The Company attributed the earnings debacle to higher-than-expected restructuring costs of \$767.6 million—double what defendants had projected—and higher-than-anticipated payment volumes from U.S. credit card customers.
- 52. On this shocking news the Company's stock price plummeted from its closing price of \$23.11 on the close of April 20, 2005 to below \$19 per share on extremely high trading volume of 51 million shares, or 793% of its 52-week average daily trading volume. MBNA's market capitalization lost over \$5.8 billion in one trading session.
- 53. The Class Action Complaint alleges that as a result of defendants' intentional misstatements and omissions, the market price of MBNA shares was artificially inflated from January 20, 2005 through April 21, 2005, inclusive (the "Class Period"). According to the Class Action Complaint all persons who purchased the stock during the Class Period were damaged by paying an artificially high price for MBNA stock, which lost its value as a direct and proximate result of the release of MBNA's 1Q '05 results at the end of the Class Period.

# **INJURY TO MBNA'S SHAREHOLDERS**

- 54. As a result of the anticipated Merger, the MBNA shareholders will have their shares exchanged for shares of Bank America and cash. For those shareholders who will be exchanged out, the consideration in to be received in the Merger is inadequate and unfair because:
- a. As result of the Individual Defendants' wrongdoing as alleged, the consideration to be received in the Merger will be far lower than it would have been had these

Defendants done their jobs and had the wrongs alleged not occurred;

- b. In that regard, the rise in the MBNA share price as a result of the announcement of the Merger does not compensate the MBNA shareholders for the damage done them as a result of the wrongdoing by the Individual Defendants. Indeed, as a result of the wrongdoing alleged herein the MBNA share price declined dramatically from January 19, 2005 to June 29, 2005, and has only recovered (following the Merger announcement) to share price levels which are slightly below those which existed on January 19, 2005;
- c. Some of the Securities Class Action Defendants will potentially profit from the Merger in ways that other MBNA shareholders will not. Defendants Hammonds, Cochran, Weaver, Struthers, and Vecchione may benefit from change of control severance agreements. Under the terms of these agreements, if an executive's employment is terminated under certain conditions, the executive will be entitled to receive, among other things:
  - i. the executive's accrued salary;
  - ii. a pro rata portion of the executive's bonus;
- iii. a lump sum cash payment equal to three times (one and one-half times for Mr. Vecchione) the sum of the highest annual salary paid to the executive since three years prior to the change of control and the higher of the most recent bonus or the average bonus in the prior three years paid to the executive prior to the change of control;
- iv. for a period of up to three years (two years for Mr. Vecchione) after the date of termination, certain medical, life insurance and other welfare benefits;
- v. relocation expenses to the United States if the executive is based overseas;
  - vi. In the event that the payments received by any executive in

connection with a change of control are subject to the excise tax imposed upon certain change of control payments under federal tax laws, the agreements provide for an additional "gross-up" payment sufficient to restore the executive to the same after-tax position he would have been in if the excise tax had not been imposed; and

- vii. Upon a change of control, the executives would receive full vesting of all outstanding stock options and restricted stock awards in accordance with policies adopted pursuant to the 1997 Long Term Incentive Plan. In addition, if an executive's employment is terminated at any time following a change of control, or within 12 months prior to a change of control and in connection with a change of control, and such termination is by the Corporation (or its successor) other than for "cause" or by the executive for "good reason" or by the executive (except for Mr. Vecchione) for any reason in the 30-day period beginning one year after a change of control, then the executive will receive a benefit under the Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan.
- 55. MBNA shareholders have also been injured by the Individual Defendants' breaches of their fiduciary duty and breach of their duty of candor as to those MBNA shareholders who held shares as of January 19, 2005 and suffered diminution in the value of their shares as a result of the breaches of fiduciary duty alleged herein. Those who still hold have been deprived of a true premium Merger transaction.

#### DERIVATIVE AND DEMAND EXCUSED ALLEGATIONS

- 56. Plaintiff brings this action derivatively in the right and for the benefit of the Company to redress injuries suffered and to be suffered by the Company as a result of the breaches of fiduciary duty and other violations of law by the defendants.
  - 57. Plaintiff will adequately and fairly represent the interests of the Company and its

shareholders in enforcing and prosecuting its rights.

- 58. As a result of the facts set forth herein, plaintiff has not made any demand on the Company's Board of Directors to institute this action. Such demand would be a futile and useless act because the Board is incapable of making an independent and disinterested decision to institute and vigorously prosecute this action. There is reasonable doubt that the Board can fairly address whether suit should be brought on behalf of the Company.
- 59. The Board of Directors has already pre-judged the merits of this action. Having reached its conclusions, no demand need be made on the Board as it will not likely reconsider.
- 60. Nor could the Board assert the allegations herein. Alleged as they are, they will be inconsistent with the stance to be taken by the Company in its defense to the Securities Class Action. This is an irreconcilable conflict of interest which aligns the Board members with the Securities Class Action Defendants, and precludes them from vigorously asserting the rights of the Company against these Defendants. Such redress can only be obtained through the vehicle of a shareholder's derivative suit, and demand upon the Board is and shall be futile.
- 61. In addition to the above at least five MBNA directors (out of a total of ten) have relationships and dealings with MBNA or its accountants which call into question their ability independently to address and prosecute the claims asserted herein:
- (a) William B. Milstead was a partner at Ernst & Young, LLP for 19 years, and has continued to recommend that Ernst & Young be retained as MBNA's auditor, which brings Ernst & Young millions of dollars every year in fees. A vigorous and independent investigation may not only reflect badly on Ernst & Young's professional conduct regarding the relevant accounting matters in suit, but might also lead to the conclusion that claims should be asserted against Ernst & Young. Given his professional affiliations and background, there is

reasonable doubt as to director Milstead's independence;

- (b) Bruce L. Hammonds, a defendant herein, is named as a primary defendant in the pending securities class action, and is alleged to have received proceeds from stock sales at prices inflated by fraud totaling \$9 million. Plainly, Hammonds, MBNA's President and CEO, cannot be considered independent;
- (c) Benjamin R. Civiletti also cannot be considered independent as to any action that might be brought against defendant Hammonds or against director Randolph L. Lerner, MBNA's largest beneficial shareholder, and the Board's Chairman. Defendant Hammonds and director Lerner direct and control legal business provided to Venable, LLP, a law firm in which Civiletti is a partner. In addition, Mr. Civiletti's son, is a full-time employee of MBNA, and a subordinate to defendant Hammonds and director Lerner. These relationship taint director Civiletti's ability to independently evaluate the claims set forth herein;
- (d) Defendant Randolph Lerner is MBNA's Chairman and largest shareholder. Due to various intertwining business and personal relationship between Lerner, his family, and MBNA, MBNA does not consider Lerner to be an independent director, and he could not independently consider any claims that may be lodged against any members of MBNA's management;
- (e) Director James H. Berick is an attorney and an advisor to director Lerner, and Lerner family interests. His son is a partner at a law firm which receives legal business from MBNA, from Lerner, and from Lerner family business interests. These relationships create a reasonable doubt that Berick could consider the assertion or prosecution of the claims asserted herein with an independent mind;
  - (f) The MBNA Directors participated in, approved and/or permitted the

wrongs alleged herein to have occurred and are, therefore, not disinterested parties and thus could not fairly and fully prosecute such a suit even if such suit was instituted by them;

- (g) The MBNA Directors had a responsibility and obligation to assure that all press releases and filings of SEC reports, including all financial reports, were accurate and that all internal controls and other oversight procedures were in place that would have detected and prevented the false and misleading statements put out by the Company to the public that are further described in this Complaint;
- (h) The acts complained of constitute violations of state law and the fiduciary duties owed by MBNA's officers and directors, and are incapable of ratification;
- (i) The members of the MBNA Audit Committee abdicated their non-discretionary function to oversee and monitor management's operation of the Company, by being uninterested and uninformed of the wrongdoing occurring, and as such, any direction to institute suit against defendant Hammonds or the officer defendants would expose their own wrongdoing. As such they are hopelessly conflicted and thus reasonable doubt exists as to their independence.
- (j) MBNA has been and will continue to be exposed to significant losses due to the wrongdoing complained herein; yet, the MBNA Directors have not filed any lawsuits against themselves or other who were responsible for that wrongful conduct, nor have they attempted to recover any part of the damages MBNA suffered and will suffer thereby or any of the illegal profits received by the insider seller Defendants;
- (k) If the MBNA Directors were to bring this derivative action, they would thereby likely expose their own negligence and misconduct which underlies allegations against the Company contained in the class action complaints for violations of federal securities laws or

such derivative action. Such admissions would impair the Company's and their defense of the Class Actions, and their defense in a derivative action and greatly increase the probability of their personal liability in the Class Actions or a derivative action in an amount likely to be in excess of any insurance coverage to the Directors; and

The Directors are believed to be covered by an insurance policy which (1)covers the type of misconduct alleged herein, which policy would likely preclude coverage, if any, if the Directors initiated action against any of the other Directors named herein. Therefore, the MBNA board, and any committee thereof, is effectively disabled from complying with any demand that would cause the Company to bring suit against the Defendants because to do so would result in the loss of their insurance coverage.

## **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

- Plaintiffs bring this action as a class action pursuant to Rule 23(a) and (b)(3) of 62. the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of:
- all persons who held the common stock of MBNA on January 19, 2005. i. Excluded from the Class are defendants and member of their immediate families; and
- all MBNA shareholders who will have their shares exchanged in the ii. Merger and will suffer damages as a result of the wrongs alleged herein and the reduced MBNA share price. Excluded from the Class are defendants and member of their immediate families.
- The members of the Classes are so numerous that joinder of all members is 63. impracticable. The disposition of their claims in a class action will provide substantial benefits to the parties and the Court. MBNA has approximately 1,277,700,000 shares of stock outstanding, owned by thousands of persons.
- There are questions of law and fact common to the members of the Classes, which predominate over questions which may affect individual class members. The questions of law

and fact common to the members of the Classes which predominate over any questions which may affect individual Class members include:

- Whether defendants breached their fiduciary duties to the Classes; a.
- Whether defendants violated their duty of candor; b.
- Whether class members were damaged; and c.
- d. The appropriate measure of damages.
- Plaintiff's claims are typical of those of the Classes because plaintiff and the 65. Classes sustained damages from defendants' wrongful conduct.
- Plaintiff will adequately protect the interests of the Classes and has retained 66. counsel experienced in class action securities litigation. Plaintiff has no interests which conflict with those of the Classes
- 67. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy, since joinder of all members is impracticable. Further, as individual damages may be relatively small for most members of the Class, the burden and expense of prosecuting a litigation of this nature makes it unlikely that members of the Class would prosecute individual actions. Plaintiff anticipates no difficulty in the management of this action as a class action. Further, the prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Classes would create a risk of inconsistent or varying results, which may establish incompatible standards of conduct for defendants.

#### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

# (Against the Securities Class Action Defendants for Contribution Pursuant to Sections 10(b) and 21D of the Exchange Act)

- Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each and every allegation set forth above as though fully set forth herein.
  - Defendants had a duty not to defraud the investing public by the dissemination of 69.

materially false and misleading press releases and the dissemination of materially false and misleading financial information and projections.

- 70. These Defendants have been sued in the Securities Class Action alleging that these Individual Defendants caused the Company to issue false financial statements as alleged at ¶¶ 36-48 supra, and, as a result, the Company and these defendants violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act.
- It is alleged in the Securities Class Action that these Defendants acted with 71. scienter in that these Individual Defendants knew that the public documents and statements issued or disseminated by or in the name of the Company were materially false and misleading: knew or recklessly disregarded that such statements or documents would be issued or disseminated to the investing public; and knowingly and substantially participated or acquiesced in the issuance or dissemination of such statements or documents as primary violators of the federal securities laws. These Defendants, by virtue of their receipt of information reflecting the true facts regarding MBNA, their control over MBNA and its public communications, their inside knowledge of its financial results, and/or their associations with the Company which made them privy to confidential proprietary information concerning MBNA, were active and culpable participants in (and carried out) the fraudulent scheme alleged herein. These Defendants knew and/or recklessly disregarded the falsity and misleading nature of the information which they caused to be disseminated to the investing public. The ongoing alleged fraudulent scheme alleged in the Class Action could not have been perpetrated over a substantial period of time without the knowledge and complicity of the personnel at the highest level of the Company, including these Defendants.
  - 72. During the Class Period, it is alleged in the Securities Class Action that these

Defendants caused MBNA to carry out a plan, scheme and course of conduct which was intended to and, throughout the Class Period, did: (I) deceive the investing public, including plaintiff and other Class members, as alleged herein; (ii) artificially inflate and maintain the market price of MBNA securities; and (iii) cause plaintiff and other members of the Class to purchase MBNA stock at artificially inflated prices.

- 73. As alleged in the Class Action, these defendants: (a) employed devices, schemes, and artifices to defraud; (b) made untrue statements of material fact and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the statements not misleading; and c) engaged in acts, practices and a course of business which operated as a fraud and deceit upon the purchasers of the Company's securities in an effort to maintain artificially high market prices for MBNA securities in violation of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5. These defendants are sued as primary participants in the wrongful and illegal conduct charged herein.
- 74. In addition to the duties of full disclosure imposed on these defendants as a result of their making of affirmative statements and reports, or participation in the making of affirmative statements and reports to the investing public, they each had a duty to disseminate truthful information promptly that would be material to investors in compliance with the integrated disclosure provisions of the SEC as embodied in SEC Regulation S-X (17 C.F.R. § 210.01 et seq.) and S-K (17 C.F.R. § 229.10 et seq.) and other SEC regulations, including accurate and truthful information with respect to the Company's operations, financial condition and performance, so that the market prices of the Company's publicly traded securities would be based on truthful, complete and accurate information.
- 75. It is alleged in the Securities Class Action that these Defendants, individually and in concert, directly and indirectly, by the use of the mails or other means or instrumentalities of

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interstate commerce, engaged and participated in a continuous course of conduct to conceal adverse material information about the business, business practices, performance, operations and future prospects of MBNA as specified herein. These Defendants employed devices, schemes and artifices to defraud, while in possession of material adverse non-public information and engaged in acts, practices, and a course of conduct as alleged herein in an effort to assure investors of MBNA's value and future profitability. This included the making of, or the participation in the making of, untrue statements of material facts and omitting to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made about MBNA and its business, operations and future prospects, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, as set forth more particularly herein at ¶¶ 36-48, supra, and engaging in transactions. practices and a course of business which operated as a fraud and deceit upon the purchasers of MBNA securities during the Class Period.

- As alleged in the Securities Class Action, as a result of the dissemination of the 76. materially false and misleading information and failure to disclose material facts, as set forth above, the market price of MBNA's securities was artificially inflated during the Class Period. Unaware of the fact that the market price of MBNA's shares was artificially inflated, and relying directly or indirectly on the false and misleading statements made by these defendants, or upon the integrity of the market in which the securities trade, and/or on the absence of material adverse information that was known to or recklessly disregarded by these defendants but not disclosed in public statements during the Class Period, Class members acquired MBNA securities during the Class Period at artificially high prices and were damaged thereby.
- As alleged in the Class Action, at the time of said misrepresentations and 77. omissions, the Class members were unaware of their falsity, and believed them to be true. Had

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the Class members of the Class and the marketplace known of the true performance, business practices, future prospects and intrinsic value of MBNA, which were not disclosed by these defendants, plaintiff Baker and other members of the Class would not have purchased or otherwise acquired their MBNA securities during the Class Period, or, if they had acquired such securities during the Class Period, they would not have done so at the artificially inflated prices which they paid.

- As alleged in the Class Action, by virtue of the foregoing, these Defendants each 78. violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5.
- It is further alleged in the Securities Class Action that the Company participated 79. in the wrongful conduct and is equally liable for violation of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act. Assuming that the Company is liable, these Defendants caused the Company to violate Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, and incur liability for damages for violation of the federal securities laws.
- If the Company is deemed to have violated the federal securities laws, and incurs 80. damages therefor, these Defendants are liable to the Company for contribution pursuant to sections 10(b) and 21(D) of the Exchange Act.

# SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

# (Against all Securities Class Action Defendants for Breach of Fiduciary Duty)

- Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each and every allegation 81. contained above, as though fully set forth herein.
- These Defendants owed and owe MBNA fiduciary obligations. By reason of their 82. fiduciary relationships, these Defendants owed and owe MBNA the highest obligations of good faith, fair dealing, loyalty and due care.

- 83. The Defendants breached their fiduciary duties of care, loyalty, reasonable inquiry, oversight, good faith and supervision.
- 84. Each of the Defendants had actual or constructive knowledge that they had caused MBNA to improperly misrepresent the business and prospects of the Company. These actions could not have been a good faith exercise of prudent business judgment. Moreover, these Defendants are asserted to have engaged in the actions alleged in the Securities Class Action, which would be a breach of their duty to conduct the business of the Company only through lawful and proper means.
- 85. As a result of the wrongs allegedly committed herein the Company has been seriously damaged.
- 86. As a direct and proximate result of these Defendants' misconduct, MBNA has suffered and will continue to suffer significant damages. As a result of the misconduct alleged herein, the Defendants are liable to the Company.

#### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

#### (Against all Individual Defendants for Breach of Fiduciary Duty)

- 87. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each and every allegation contained above, as though fully set forth herein.
- 88. The Individual Defendants owed and owe MBNA fiduciary obligations. By reason of their fiduciary relationships, the Individual Defendants owed and owe MBNA the highest obligations of good faith, fair dealing, loyalty and due care.
- 89. The Defendants breached their fiduciary duties of care, loyalty, reasonable inquiry, oversight, good faith and supervision.
  - 90. Each of the Defendants had actual or constructive knowledge that they had either

caused MBNA to improperly misrepresent the business and prospects of the Company, or breaches their duties of oversight in failing to be informed and active in the ultimate management of the Company. These actions could not have been a good faith exercise of prudent business judgment.

- 91. In addition the Defendants approved and caused or permitted MBNA to repurchase approximately \$250,000,00 of its shares on the open market, at allegedly inflated prices, causing substantial damage to MBNA for overpaying for its shares.
- 92. As a result of the wrongs allegedly committed herein the Company has been seriously damaged.
- 93. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' misconduct, MBNA has suffered and will continue to suffer significant damages. As a result of the misconduct alleged herein, these Defendants are liable to the Company.

# **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

# (Against All Individual Defendants for Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Unjust Enrichment, and Abuse of Control)

- 94. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each and every allegation contained above, as if though fully set forth herein.
- 95. The Defendants' misconduct alleged herein constituted an abuse of their ability to control and influence MBNA, for which they are legally responsible. Moreover, many of these Defendants sold shares during the Class Period while in possession of material, non-public information, and are required to disgorge to the Company all profits received thereby.
- 96. As a direct and proximate result of these Defendants' abuse of control, MBNA has sustained significant damages, and Defendants are liable to the Company.

# FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

# (Against All Individual Defendants for Breach of Fiduciary Duty Through Mismanagement)

- Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each and every allegation 97. contained above as though fully set forth herein.
- By their actions alleged herein, the Defendants, either directly or through aiding 98. and abetting, abandoned and abdicated their responsibilities and fiduciary duties with regard to prudently managing the assets and business of MBNA in a manner consistent with the operations of a publicly held corporation.
- As a direct and proximate result of the Individual Defendants' gross 99. mismanagement, MBNA has sustained significant damages arising out of the alleged material misstatements to the investing public and damages to the Company arising from the pendency of the Class Action. The Individual Defendants are liable to the Company for all damages flowing there from, including the obligations for common law contribution.

# SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION (Class Action Against All Individual Defendants for Damages Resulting From Breaches of Fiduciary Duty)

- Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each and every allegation 100. contained above, as if though fully set forth herein.
- This Count is brought for breach of fiduciary duty on behalf of a class of 101 shareholders who held the shares of MBNA on January 19, 2005, and did not sell their shares as a result of the individual defendants breaches of fiduciary duty and breach of their duty of candor as alleged herein.

- The Individual Defendants owed and owe the MBNA shareholders the highest 102. obligations of good faith, fair dealing, loyalty and due care.
- The Defendants breached their fiduciary duties of care, loyalty, reasonable 103. inquiry, oversight, good faith and supervision.
- Each of the Defendants had actual or constructive knowledge that they had either caused MBNA to improperly misrepresent the business and prospects of the Company, or breached their duties of oversight in failing to be informed and active in the ultimate management of the Company. These actions could not have been a good faith exercise of prudent business judgment. As a result, the market price of the MBNA shares held by the Class declined, and the Class members have been damaged as a result of these wrongs.
- As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' misconduct, the class has 105. suffered significant damages, which damages are not ameliorated by the announcement of the Merger. Absent the wrongful conduct, the Class members' shares would have been worth even more.
- As a result of the misconduct alleged herein, these Defendants are liable to the 106 Class for substantial damages.

# SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION (Class Action Against All Individual Defendants for Damages)

- Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges each and every allegation 107. contained above, as if though fully set forth herein.
- This Count for breach of fiduciary duty on behalf of a class of MBNA 108 shareholders whose MBNA shares will be exchanged for the Merger consideration and have been damaged by the wrongs alleged herein wherein they will not received consideration which

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they would otherwise have received had the breaches of fiduciary duty and the breaches of the duty of candor not occurred.

- The Individual Defendants owed and owe the MBNA shareholders the highest 109. obligations of good faith, fair dealing, loyalty and due care.
- The Defendants breached their fiduciary duties of care, loyalty, reasonable 110. inquiry, oversight, good faith and supervision.
- Each of the Defendants had actual or constructive knowledge that they had either 111. caused MBNA to improperly misrepresent the business and prospects of the Company, or breaches their duties of oversight in failing to be informed and active in the ultimate management of the Company. These actions could not have been a good faith exercise of prudent business judgment. As a result, the market price of the MBNA shares held by the class declined, and they have been damaged as a result of these wrongs.
- As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' misconduct, the Class has suffered significant damages, which damages are not compensated by the announcement of the Merger. Absent the wrongful conduct, the class would have received even greater Merger consideration.
- As a result of the misconduct alleged herein, these Defendants are liable to the 113 Class for substantial damages.

#### JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury. 114.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

- A. Against the Individual Defendants for contribution pursuant to Sections 10(b) and 21(D) of the Exchange Act;
- B. Against all of the Individual Defendants for the damages sustained by MBNA as a result of the breaches of fiduciary duty, abuse of control, gross mismanagement, waste of corporate assets and unjust enrichment;
  - C. Equitable and/or injunctive relief as permitted by law;
  - D. Restitution and disgorgement of profits;
  - E. Damages to the Classes for the wrongs committed;
  - F. Attorneys fees and costs; and
  - G. Any such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, A. Zachary Naylor, do hereby certify that on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005, I caused two copies of the foregoing Amended Shareholder's Class and Derivative Complaint to be served on the following counsel addressed as follows:

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